

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Gulf States Population Survey (GSPS) was a 12-month (December 15, 2010 – December 16, 2011) survey of residents of four Gulf Coast states (Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi). It was initiated to provide information about the mental health status of the population in coastal areas most directly affected by the April 20, 2010 *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The information is intended to be used as part of efforts to assess the need for mental and behavioral health services in the region and to inform the provision of those services. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Division of Behavioral Surveillance (DBS) conducted the GSPS in collaboration with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and mental health and public health officials from the four Gulf Coast states where the survey was conducted.

This GSPS Data User's Guide is intended to assist individuals who will use the GSPS dataset. The Guide includes information on the background of the GSPS, survey protocol and methodology, and data collection and management.

### 1.1 GUIDELINES FOR CITATION OF DATA SOURCE

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- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS)
- Gulf States Population Survey (GSPS)